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'I'M WITH HER'

Eastern student joins hundreds of thousands from around the country to voice the importance of women's rights.

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KEEP IT UP

Women's basketball team beats Southeast Missouri on Saturday, 71-62 and will try to continue their winning streak when they face Southern Illinois-Edwardsville Saturday.

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Locals show solidarity at march

By Analicia Haynes
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It was 10 a.m., and already a large, overwhelming crowd swarmed the West Side Park in Champaign.

Strangers became friends as people leaned up against trees and statues, creating signs with Sharpie markers and poster boards that bore the common thoughts shared by many advocates across the nation Saturday.

"Love Trumps Hate," "Not My President," "Girls Just Want to Have Fundamental Rights," and "I'm with Her," covered the signs and fueled the chants Saturday in Champaign as 5,000 people gathered to support and participate in one of many Women's Marches across the country.

This included several supporters from Charleston who joined others in solidarity for women's rights.

Jo Stauder, a senior sociology major, made the nearly hour-long trip to Champaign, with several friends.

Stauder said the march acts as an important statement from a large group of people about the recent presidential election.

Even more so, Stauder said the march was a space where people acknowledged there is work to be done and show people who are actually doing it.

Musicians and speakers rallied the crowd to inspire them with words of support, determination to keep fighting for rights and to finish what has already begun.

One speaker, Rep. Carol Ammons (D), who represents the 103rd district, encouraged participants not to be silent any longer.

There was emphasis on the importance of also fighting for the rights of minority women.

"Feminism, historically, is a little bit exclusive, and sometimes it gets a little bit what we call 'white feminism' — where trans people aren't in-



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Ashley Denton, a sophomore at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, holds a sign in support of women's rights at the Women's March in Champaign on Saturday. Denton said she felt empowered by marching and was excited to do so. "This is the time to rise up and do something," Denton said.

cluded, people of color aren't included, and people today were making an effort to be more inclusive," Stauder said.

Stauder said they thought it was cool that there were a few speakers of color as well as advocates for trans rights in the crowd.

The crowd wrapped around one half of the park, waiting patiently to walk, but they still showed their support and motivation as they held up their signs, played music and cheered.

The last set of marchers did not leave the park until 1:30 p.m. to make their way around the designated route, about an hour after the speakers finished and the march commenced.

"I wanted to make the effort be-

cause I want to protest," Charleston resident Karen Armstrong said. "I'm sickened with the situation right now. Women's rights are important, and I want to be visible and have my voice be heard."

Lauren Rhoades, an Oconee resident from Southern Illinois University, said in today's political climate, women are being shut out just for being women and are told they are crazy for their beliefs.

She said they are angry at the country for treating women as such.

"Didn't the suffragists work hard enough for us to get a little bit more than this today?" Rhoades said. "I thought this was the future."

Kevin Gaither and Donna Wieck, both Charleston residents, made the

journey together to show solidarity and unity for all people, including women.

"It's amazing to feel a positive vibe from so many people who really just feel some connection with each other and what we can do together and not tear anyone else down to make that happen," Gaither said.

Wieck said she was happy with the big turnout and wants everyone to keep doing demonstrations as the year goes on.

Read the article on page 5 and the column on page 4 about students' experiences in D.C.

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Master's Degree Program will remain

The master's program in special education is safe from elimination

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The master's degree program in Special Education is no longer being considered for deletion or consolidation as of Friday morning.

The program, along with others, was originally recommended for elimination or consolidation by Workgroup no. 7, which looked at Academic Programs as a part of the vitalization project.

However, this changed when Kathlene Shank, the department chair of special education, said she met with Provost Blair Lord Friday to discuss the online program

that has been in the making for the special education master's program since Fall 2014.

She said after the administration recognized all the work being done for the master's program, including offering hybrid courses that have been offered for the last two years, they took it off the list for elimination or consolidation.

"We're ready to go fully online next fall," Shank said. "We need to support this."

The program will be offered only in an online format to make it available for students who are busy with careers or who cannot easily commute to campus.

Two graduate courses will be delivered each semester, including during the summer.

Each course will be delivered in an eight-week format.

Shank said the first target group is students who graduated within the past seven years because they

already believe in the special education program and can build on what they already learned.

Over the past seven years, 537 students from Eastern have graduated with an undergraduate degree in special education.

She also said at the Workgroup no. 8, Academic Visioning I meeting, that to move up the salary schedule in any district in the state, a master's degree is required and most educators pursue that degree within seven years of graduating.

Shank said they want to bring in a minimum of 40 candidates, then they will market the program to other students statewide as well.

According to a handout consisting of the program details that Shank gave Workgroup no. 8 members, the program is needed due to the ongoing shortage of teachers in special education at all levels.

Currently, Shank said there are only four schools in the state that

offer the master's program, but Eastern is the only school to offer it online.

She said the department has not advertised the online program yet because it is still working through the steps to complete the program.

There are two more steps the department needs to take before the program is complete.

They have to present the final courses to the Graduate Committee and have Ryan Hendrickson, dean of the graduate school, accept it by executive action. Then they have to present the program to the Illinois Board of Education.

Read the article on page 3 for more information about the master's program in special education.

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Trump's first day mix of joy, defiance

WASHINGTON (AP)After a combative start to his presidency, Donald Trump delivered a more unifying message Sunday and sought to reassure Americans he was ready to begin governing a divided nation.

Trump began rolling out his plans for diplomatic outreach, speaking with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and announcing plans for early meetings with Netanyahu and other world leaders. He thanked top law enforcement officers for their service and support. And he swore-in a group of aides, telling them he believed they were ready to rise to a daunting task.

"But with the faith in each other and the faith in God, we will get the job done," Trump said in a ceremony in the White House East Room. "We will prove worthy of this moment in history. And I think it may very well be a great moment in history."

Trump's reassurance came after a day marked by global protests against his presidency and his own complaints about media coverage of his inauguration, a combination of events that made for a contentious first full day in office on Saturday.

But even as the White House tried to forge forward, the president's aides continued to defend the president and his press secretary, both of whom tore into journalists for accurately reporting that his swearing-in ceremony drew a smaller crowd than President Barack Obama did eight years ago. On Sunday, a top adviser said the Trump administration was supplying "alternative facts."

"There's no way to really quantify crowds. We all know that. You can laugh at me all you want," Kellyanne Conway told NBC's "Meet The Press." She added: "I think it's actually symbolic of the way we're treated by the press."


Trump on Saturday declared he believed "it looked like a million and a half people."

But ridership on the Washington's Metro system didn't match that of recent inaugurations. As of 11 a.m. Friday, there were 193,000 trips taken, according to the transportation service's Twitter account.

At the same hour eight years ago, there had been 513,000 trips. Four years later, there were 317,000 for Obama's second inauguration.


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CUPB talks lobbying, marketing efforts

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Members of the Council on University Planning and Budget focused on lobbying efforts, initiatives to increase enrollment and methods to increase revenue during a meeting Friday afternoon.

Eastern President David Glassman shared his experience lobbying in Springfield last week and talked about how the Illinois Senate has passed a bill that could secure full funding for Eastern.

"The nice thing about (that is) if we could get our FY15 money again at that level then we would have funds to bring back several crucial individual positions," Glassman said.

Glassman said he believes the Senate is more focused on passing a comprehensive budget instead of another stopgap budget.

The Illinois House of Representatives has also passed another bill to the Senate that only guarantees partial funding.

"I don't think (the Senate) will give it much attention at this time. They're looking for something bigger to end this bypass and get this state moving forward," Glassman said.

Glassman said if the House of Representatives approves the Senate bill and Gov. Bruce Rauner signs off on it, Eastern could potentially receive \$10 million from the state.

"It was interesting to see senators walking around optimistic saying, 'we are actually doing something, we are tweaking some things so we can get things done.' I just have not seen that in the past and quite frankly it was bizarre to see," Glassman said.

Paul McCann, interim vice president of business affairs, said after examining the November budget for FY17, he determined that it is balanced, but having full funding from the state would help tremendously.

"When it's all said and done, our revenue will be in the total of \$83 million, our expenses will be somewhere in the range of \$83 million and we will have a balanced budget which is something for the last couple of years we have not achieved," McCann said.

The budget that is being analyzed only shows the money that is funded by the state and from tuition and fees.

Josh Norman, associate vice president for enrollment management, has teamed up with Provost Blair

Lord to implement five strategies to increase enrollment and increase the university's revenue.

These strategies include getting information from the ACT on prospective students, writing personalized letters, organizing college calling campaigns and encouraging both alumni and employees to tell family members to apply at Eastern.

"For students who have not yet applied, we are creating these college-specific events to engage them into the enrollment funnel," Norman said.

Norman said he will use the preferences that students provide on their ACT, such as if they want a public university, are interested in one of the majors the university offers or if they want a medium-sized campus.

If they want this, Eastern will send the student mail that says, 'We choose you.'

The admissions office has access to alumni records that can help identify potential students.

"There are 1,400 alumni that have college-bound family members that meet the college criteria we want," Norman said. "What we are doing with these students is offering a 50%

off coupon at the bookstore if they apply and come to campus."

Norman said this investment will help increase the amount of qualified students who apply.

"We know these students have a higher retention rate. We know that is a good investment because these are good quality students who stay here and succeed," he said.

Glassman said the university is going to start implementing the recommendations made by the enrollment management, marketing, facilities and intercollegiate athletics made by workgroups during the vitalization project.

Glassman is in the process of hiring an external marketing agency that will work to promote Eastern's academics, services and campus experience.

"We are bringing marketing here in order to do something the university has never done, we are repairing buildings that have been unfortunately neglected and we are putting our money there because we know that is important," Glassman said.

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Students, faculty talk politics, philosophy

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Roughly 25 students and faculty members gathered Friday to discuss a 2,500-year-old text by the Greek philosopher Plato and its implications for modern politics.

It was the first of a new discussion series hosted by the Sandra and Jack Pine Honors College called "Big Questions, Great Books."

The discussion was facilitated by Richard England, dean of the Honors College, who gave a 10-minute introduction of the text, Plato's dialogue "Gorgias."

England said the dialogue is about the nature of rhetoric, or teaching people how to persuade other people. The dialogue is between Plato's teacher Socrates and the rhetorician Gorgias.

In the text, Richard England explained, Gorgias compares himself to a boxing teacher. If he taught one of his students how to fight and

that student used his new skill to hurt others, nobody would come arrest the boxing teacher. Likewise, if a teacher shows someone how to persuade others and the student uses that to manipulate and cheat others, it is not the teacher's fault.

Richard England asked the participants to consider whether rhetoric and persuasion are more helpful or harmful to the political process. On the one hand, he said, it seems that persuasion is necessary for politicians to get anything done, but on the other, orators like Nazi politician Adolf Hitler show that people can easily be manipulated to do evil.

Jessica Bayles, a senior English major, said if rhetoric is overemphasized those with the best rhetoric rule over those with the best ideas conducive for the benefit of society.

Bayles said that there is no connection between how good an idea is and how popular it is.

She said basing policy decisions

on how popular they are gives a little bit too much power to the masses. "I love (them) dearly – but I don't necessarily want them having that much power," Bayles said, although she later said she was playing devil's advocate at times.

Philosophy professor Gary Aylesworth said the founders of the United States did not trust democracy. "They equated it with mob rule, and they were afraid of the chaos and power struggles that would take place," he said.

Jack Cruikshank, a graduate student studying political science, said sometimes people from the lower classes vote against their own interests, using the example of tax cuts for the wealthy.

"Many people view themselves as a temporarily disenfranchised rich person," Cruikshank said. "(They think), 'I'm going to make it, I'm going to be at the top 1%, that's why I'm going to vote for it now.'"

Bayles said students need to be

more involved in conversations about politics with diverse groups, which the university is ideally suited to provide. She said both civics courses and general education courses are necessary to have a broadly educated populace.

Markus Burns, a freshman engineering major, said politicians still need to be good rhetoricians to get people interested in the issues in the first place, especially since many people are already overwhelmed with information.

Charleston resident Charlotte England, who is the spouse of Richard England, said the way out of the dilemma is education and a willingness to hear out others' opinions. She said it is the duty of every person "not only to read what confirms what you already think, no matter how right you imagine yourself to be."

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Workgroup discusses program presentations

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Special education online master’s program

The master’s degree for special education, which is no longer being considered for deletion or consolidation, gave a presentation on its new online program to members of Workgroup no. 8.

The financial literacy program was another program that presented to the workgroup.

The workgroup also set the date for a town hall-style meeting, which will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Kathlene Shank, the chair of the special education program, spoke on behalf of the master’s degree in special education, saying it could fall under the new or modified program objective.

Shank brought two handouts for members consisting of information about the program, which will be launched as an online degree starting in the fall semester.

She said the department has been progressing toward putting its master’s degree program online since Fall 2014 and there were several steps involved with getting the program up and running.

The program is fully accredited.

The first step was to take all of the courses at the master’s level and realign the courses, syllabi, assessments and assessment rubrics to the national standards for special education.

After that, Shank said the faculty went to the Online Course Development Institute to learn how to do online instruction.

According to the handout, three graduate faculty members have completed OCDi training, and one will complete it by May 2017.

The faculty member will then offer

the course, which will be in development, starting the summer of 2017. Students are already enrolled in the summer class.

A fifth graduate faculty member is also completing the training, which will result in five out of seven graduate faculty members available to teach online in the fall.

Twelve courses are needed for the program.

“When you leave an undergraduate program, you don’t know enough to do what you need for every kid in your classroom, so we’d like to make a difference out there to have better-prepared special educators and give them a choice to do that,” she said.

Workgroup Chair Jeff Stowell asked if the program will take three years to complete.

Shank said it depends on the student and what degree or licensure they wish to pursue.

Students will have the choice to either earn an advanced licensure, or an LBSII, to become a curriculum adaptation specialist or a behavior intervention specialist, be in a pure master’s program, or, if they already have their master’s, become a director of special education.

“Our plan right now is to get out there, get emails out there and let our former students know what we’re doing,” Shank said.

However, she said marketing could be a challenge because of a lack of money.

Shank said she hopes the workgroup will take into consideration the help the program needs to do this.

Britto Nathan, a biological sciences professor, asked if Shank communicated this program with the other workgroups, particularly Workgroup no. 7, which looked at Academic Programs.

Shank said they did and they also communicated with Eastern President David Glassman.

“I think some of this is my fault,” Shank said in response to the master’s program originally being considered for deletion or consolidation. “I didn’t realize that people didn’t know that we had already done eight of 12 courses...I don’t think anybody had a sense of how far we had gone and what we were doing.”

“When you leave an undergraduate program, you don’t know enough to do what you need for every kid in your classroom, so we’d like...to give them a choice to do that.”

-Kathlene Shank, chair of the special education program

However, Nathan said Shank’s request to the workgroup is very simple and he thinks the workgroup can easily put the program on its list for new and modified programs.

Shank said there are two steps left for the program to be fully online.

One includes taking the final courses to the Illinois Board of Education to see what other kinds of paperwork the department needs to work on.

Stowell told Shank that the Higher Learning Commission does not care if the program goes online, though he is not sure about the Illinois Board of Education.

“Because it’s online, quality will not diminish, rigor is still a part of what we are,” Shank said. “If you know special education educators at all you know they’re all overachievers.”

New financial literacy curriculum

Workgroup members also listened to a presentation about the new financial literacy curriculum that was launched last fall by Linda Simpson, a family and consumer sciences professor.

At the last Workgroup meeting,

members discussed a proposal from Erin Brown in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships that called for a micro-degree in financial literacy.

Amy Rosenstein, a special education professor, said the discussion last week was focused on where the proposed program would fit in their objectives.

ment skills,” Simpson said.

The Literacy in Financial Education Center also works as a place to support the program and students, Simpson said.

“We offer internships, graduate assistantships, outreach, research opportunities, so all of that is in place to support students who might be in this program,” Simpson said.

Simpson said since it is new, there are not as many students taking part in the curriculum, but if there is enough traction they can get there.

“If we include the School of Business, the Counseling Center and everybody comes to the table with some ideas, we could even repackaging it a little bit to expand it,” Simpson said. “This has a significant possibility to bring students here.”

Rosenstein said the proposal last week was for the program to be one that was accessible or potentially required of everybody.

She asked Simpson how the program would be structured in a way where everybody has to take it.

Simpson said it is possible if they had the proper resources.

As for a target market, Simpson said the program could attract students seeking a background in financial literacy who want to return to their communities to make a difference.

“They come here...then go back to their communities and work in social agencies and things like that so I really think we have a target that attract students here,” Simpson said.

Simpson said these students have a skill set and life experiences that are beneficial in working with people in their communities by helping with overall money management.

This could reduce the chances of fraud or debt and it empowers communities, she added.

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Inauguration a ray of hope

Over 30 million viewers watched the 45th President, Donald J. Trump, taking the Oaths of Office at the 58th Presidential Inauguration, along with the hundreds of thousands of people who attended the ceremony.

After an early morning and a few Metro train rides, I became one of those thousands of people who stood on the west lawn of the State Capitol Building to witness a momentous day in American history.

Regardless of what the media may have shown, there were zero acts of violence among the large crowd at the ceremony and zero interruptions due to the protests that took place miles away from the capitol. Despite having to walk past a few protestors that shouted vulgarities and other nonsense, it was not enough to ruin the day that was ahead of me.

There was a strong sense of patriotism both on the steps and lawn of the Capitol. Everyone was decked out in “Make America Great Again” hats and red, white and blue articles of clothing. Chants and cheers of “USA” and “TRUMP” rang from the audience as President Trump and Vice President Pence took the Oath of Office.

After the ceremony, I made my way to Pennsylvania Avenue where the newly sworn-in President and Vice President would walk in line with the Inaugural Parade.

More than 8,000 parade participants marched, including cavalry divisions from different states, high school and college marching bands and members of our military.

My parade ticket was supposed to have me sit in the many bleachers set out for parade on-lookers, but that was not where I ended up. To make a long story short: a stroke of luck landed me in the presidential viewing box where I met Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Dr. Ben Carson and Secretary of Defense James Mattis.

From there, I watched the Inaugural parade a little more than ten feet from the first and second family.

It was a surreal and wonderful experience, to say the least. I was not only able to physically witness history be made, but I was also able to meet and share my experience with key figures in our nation’s government.

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Staff Editorial

Take advantage of career services while you can

Eastern is not just about academics. The university offers services to support lifelong learning and success in almost all areas of life, and it is important that students take advantage of these services.

This week, the staff of *The News* wants to highlight the university’s Career Services office and the events and support they have to offer. We think that, especially with many seniors graduating in the spring and with summer ripe for internship opportunities, Career Services should be a popular spot this semester.

Career Services regularly offers events for students of all majors, career trajectories, ages and years. There are speed networking events, resume review events, career fairs (including one specifically for pre-service teachers), mock interviews and workshops on everything from LinkedIn to cover letters.

Of immediate interest to our student readers are some upcoming events such as the speed networking event scheduled for this Saturday, the spring internship and job fair on March 1 and the educators’ job fair on

March 6, which is shared with University of Illinois’s education department.

While spending a day or an afternoon convening with suits and talking up your career experience might not sound like the thrill you came to college for, getting a little experience before you graduate will be very helpful in the long run. Some lucky students who attend job fairs have even found comfortable placements and accepted jobs before graduation. Imagine stepping right into a career straight out of college. How convenient would that be?

Additionally, if you are not a natural writer, a lot of job-seeking correspondence can be confusing. Resumes and cover letters are complicated for even the most experienced writers. Career Services offers events specifically tailored for resumes and cover letters, and the staff of *The News* encourages you to take advantage of these programs while you still can. Resumes are so much easier to build while you are still in college; not only do you have trained professionals with experience in using, reading and writing resumes

to turn to, but you also have the advice of professionals and academics in your field of study. We encourage students to use their professors and Career Services to help build outstanding resumes while they are still very handy.

However, if you never use Career Services as a student, do not worry. This office offers support to all Eastern alumni; through their Panther TraCS program, Eastern graduates can have access to job postings, resume help and career advice for the rest of their lives. The Panther TraCS program does require a one-time subscription fee, but we think the tradeoff is well worth the cost.

Many of the editorial staffers at *The News* have used Career Service at some point in our careers, and as graduation draws near, some of us expect to be in their office more and more often. We hope to see some of you around as well, taking advantage of all the wonderful programs they have to offer.

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Be skeptical, research before you share links on social media

We all know social media can be a powerful tool to organize events, connect with friends and share information. But unfortunately, it can also be a major source of misinformation.

That “share” button is so conveniently located on most stories, pictures and memes that many people click on it without a second thought. The temptation to share interesting, novel or funny information with one’s friends can be very powerful, which is only reinforced when several friends like the picture or meme.

Facebook and other social media sites tap into the same psychological instincts that lead us to gossip and spread rumors. Those instincts were once useful to our ancestors who needed to enforce cooperation among group members. People who violated social norms in small societies would be punished by having their reputations ruined. Since nearly everybody knew one another, this acted as a strong incentive for people to get along.

But in a global society, those psychological instincts more often cause harm than good. We do not know where a piece of information may have originated, so we cannot determine if it is trustworthy. Instead, we uncritically spread misinformation about

people and events.

Since misinformation is so easy to create and so difficult to dismantle, we should be even more cautious when sharing information online, especially when it confirms what we already believe.

For instance, over this weekend, I saw a number of my Facebook friends share a side-by-side photo of Barack Obama’s 2013 inauguration and Donald Trump’s inauguration this Friday. The implication of the photo is that Trump is far less popular than Obama was.

While I certainly have no inclination to defend Trump, I was immediately suspicious of the photo. The people on the Trump’s side seemed to be spread out, like they were still arriving at the event. A couple of hours later, journalists from conservative media outlets accused liberals of misrepresentation for this very reason.

I tried to get to the bottom of this question myself. I listened to White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer’s explanation and found that he merely attempted to confirm conservative biases, such as declaring categorically that Trump’s inauguration had the largest attendance ever, period.



Leon Mire

Ultimately, I could not get to the bottom of it to my own satisfaction. I knew I had seen a photo from behind Trump that showed a sizeable crowd, and since it was from The New York Times, I had no reason to think it was doctored.

I had no plans on sharing the picture on social media, and I did not care enough to dig more deeply into it than I did. But my point is not whether Obama’s crowd was bigger than Trump’s, as if that were crucial to my opinion of either. My point is rather than so many people seemed to so quickly spread information without checking to see if it is true, or at least acknowledging that there was some

controversy about it.

In this case, it was difficult for me to thoroughly vet the claim, but in many cases, I find that people neglect even the simplest fact-checking. As a trivial example, someone shared a meme on my feed that said, “The next Cinco de Mayo is on Taco Tuesday. This is what we prepared for, everybody.” I chuckled and almost clicked share, but first I checked to see if the next fifth of May was indeed on a Tuesday. It was not.

I do not claim to be perfect when it comes to double-checking everything before I post on social media. But I think it is a good habit to make sure that you are not spreading false information, whether it is something as minor as the next Cinco de Mayo or an important claim about the President. Nobody actually cares that much if your joke meme was factually inaccurate, but if you check even the unimportant details, you are less likely to let the important details slip past your skeptical radar.

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Eastern senior travels to D.C. for historic march

By Leon Mire
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Though Eastern students participated in protest marches in Illinois the day following President Donald Trump's inauguration, a few chose to travel halfway across the nation to join the main Woman's March in Washington, D.C.

Among the latter was Meagan Ramey, a senior biological sciences major. She drove to the capital Friday with her mother Stephanie Adams, 62, of Middleton, Wis. Ramey said she has been more politically involved this election than in previous ones, which influenced her decision to drive to D.C. rather than a sister march in Illinois.

Her status as a senior also made it more urgent to attend D.C., she said.

"I don't know if I'm going to be able to drop everything and do something like this again, particularly during (Trump's) administration," she said. "It would have cost me about as much to go (to St. Louis or Chicago) on my own, so I figured why not go to D.C.?"

Ramey and her mother scraped together the gas money to travel to D.C., she said, because they could not afford the \$230 for a bus ticket from Illinois.

Ramey said she saw a lot of diversity at the Woman's March.

She estimated about four women to every man, but she said she saw plenty of men and women advocating for African American, Hispanic, Muslim and LGBT rights. Adams said she also met

many other mothers and grandmothers traveling with their daughters who had protested for women's rights in the 1960s and '70s.

Ramey said the community members supported one another during the march, which spoke cause's importance.

"We were unified almost like a neighborhood. Instead of being individuals, we became one community of people coming together," she said.

Her favorite moment of the day, she said, occurred as the chanting crowd passed by a large white tent from the inauguration the day before. The workers tearing down the tent – all men – began clapping for the people marching. "To see people who are not participating (in the march) be moved by what you're doing is amazing," she said.

Ramey said she did not make a protest sign of her own because she did not want to hold it up for seven hours during the march.

She said one negative aspect of the march was that the signs made it difficult to see more than ten feet ahead.

"Sometimes I wished I could have a megaphone and ask everyone to put their signs down," she said.

She said many of the signs were also vulgar, but they were in response to Trump's own vulgarity. Ramey said her favorite sign simply read, "I'm with Her" and had an arrow pointing to the crowd.

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Senior biological sciences major Meagan Ramey poses in front of numerous protestors' signs displayed at the Women's March in Washington D.C. Saturday. "To participate in a large march with other women, who are just as frustrated and upset and worried as I am, was really important to me," Ramey said.

Program Elimination Committee meets to discuss its role

By Cassie Buchman
News Editor | @cjbuchman

The Academic Program Elimination/Reorganization Review Committee met for the first time to discuss its charge and role going forward Friday.

Following the vitalization project, where Workgroups made recommendations to different programs and services, Workgroup no. 7, which looked at Academic Programs, suggested seven programs be eliminated or consolidated.

This list was later cut down to four programs.

Friday, Jan. 20 was the date the group was supposed to receive information on the programs being considered for elimination or reorganization if it would result in the laying off of an employee.

At 1 p.m., when it met, Academic Program Elimination/Reorganization Review Committee members had not received this information, though they

received it later that afternoon.

Committee member Richard Jones, a communication studies professor, was decided on to be the chair.

Future meetings will take place 1 p.m. Mondays in 2220 Buzzard, including this coming week.

Jones said first and foremost, the committee's charge is to review the data, request other pieces of data and make recommendations based on this data.

"My understanding is that when we get the information, the recommendation from the Provost (Blair Lord) or President (David Glassman) will already be there," Jones said. "I think the way we're interpreting it is that we (decide if we) agree or disagree with the recommendation that is made."

John Emmett, a kinesiology and sports studies professor, said it looked like the group just says whether or not it agrees with the recommendations.

"Just yes or no agreements, we don't

reinterpret or offer another option," he said.

Jill Fahy, a communication disorders and sciences professor, said the group is supposed to review the information, vet it and look for missing information, to make sure all data was gathered and used appropriately.

The committee is supposed to receive data on enrollment, majors and course offerings as well as program costs, but it can request additional data if it needs to.

According to the contract, the committee is also expected to review "program costs and enrollment history, contributions of the program to the general education requirements, interdisciplinary and service functions, graduation requirements, the University curriculum, and contributions of the program to the mission and goals of the University."

One piece of information the committee discussed asking for in the meeting is rebuttals from programs recom-

mended for elimination or consolidation given to Workgroup no.7, who originally made these recommendations, during the vitalization project process.

Kathleen O'Rourke, a professor and coordinator for the graduate program in aging studies, said the workgroup requested these rebuttals, and departments responded with the understanding that Workgroup no. 7 would discuss them and integrate these rebuttals in the final report.

"If they did that, I'm just not seeing that reflected in the January report," she said.

Jones said there were some inaccuracies in the workgroup's final report that departments thought would be corrected.

"That's why we need to see those rebuttals," he said.

O'Rourke said these rebuttals would give the group a more accurate picture.

"The rebuttals are key. I think that will really clue us into, if a department says in a rebuttal, we have this informa-

tion we could provide," Jones said.

The Faculty Senate, Council on Academic Affairs, Council on Teacher Education and graduate school will also be involved with this process and receive information.

However, Jones said there is nothing that said these groups need to coordinate their response.

"I think our first priority is to review the information when we receive it and follow those guidelines to talk amongst ourselves and figure out what we need to figure out," Jones said. "Secondary to that is how all this is communicated."

Before Eastern gives its recommendations on program status to the Board of Trustees, the Academic Program Elimination/Reorganization Review Committee will make its own report to the Provost by March 15.

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Outside bonding



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Music education majors, Leo Schmitz, senior from Fairfield, IL, Samantha Padron, freshman from Blue Island, IL, and Matt Jacobs, sophomore from Mattoon, IL enjoy the weather Saturday on the Doudna Steps. These students learn how to play songs on the guitar for their into to music education class.



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Brian Welch, a freshman history major holds Albus, his pet hedgehog, after letting his prickly friend run around the base of a tree in the South Quad Saturday. Welch said Albus likes going outside but he cannot survive in temperatures below 50 degrees. Welch said he bought Albus off of Craigslist as a emotional support animal and was thinking about signing Albus up for a competition called “Hedgy Con.”



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Welch said he brought Albus off of Craigslist and uses him as an emotional support animal.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1219

- ACROSS**

1 Monastery leader

6 Everyone working in an office

11 Cousin ____ (Addams Family member)

14 Pixar robot

15 Opposite of black-and-white

16 Gun rights org.

17 Santa player in “The Man in the Santa Claus Suit”

19 Highest roll of a die

20 S.E.C. school near Atlanta, for short

21 Explorer and Escalade, in brief

22 Nutmeg, for one

24 Something sent to Santa

26 Santa player in “The Polar Express”

29 Magnetite and bauxite

31 Temporary break

32 “In that case ...”
- 35 Joe of “GoodFellas”

37 Bread box, for short?

39 Cheerleader’s cry

40 Santa player in “Elf”

42 Boston ____ Party

43 Environmentalist’s prefix

44 Main artery

45 Not more than

46 Moves like water around a drain

48 Big school dance

51 Santa player in “The Santa Clause”

53 Is

57 Resident of Muscat

58 “Yeah, why not!”

60 Mincemeat ____ (Christmas staple)

61 ____ Tin Tin

62 Santa player in “Miracle on 34th Street”

66 R.N.’s special touch
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68 Les ____-Unis

69 Match, as a bet

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71 Like the settlers of Iceland

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- 8 Boxer known as “The Greatest”
- 9 Gift tag word
- 10 Terry Gross’s NPR program
- 11 Imply
- 12 April fool player
- 13 One of Benjamin Franklin’s certainties
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- 40 At one’s ____ convenience
- 41 Barbie or Ken
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- 47 Fleming who created James Bond
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- 51 Legal wrongs
- 52 Some of them are proper
- 54 Javelin
- 55 Some windshields have them
- 56 Taste or touch
- 59 Sitting spot for a child visiting Santa
- 63 “Look at Me, I’m Sandra ____”
- 64 Max’s opposite
- 65 Intl. group that’s the object of many mass protests

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Sophomore Alex Laleian swims during a meet against Evansville Friday, Nov. 11 at Padovan Pool. Laleian recently placed 5th in the 200-yard butterfly at Indiana State with a time of 2:06.66.

Swim teams place in top 5 at ISU

By Tyler McCluskey
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The men’s and women’s swim teams competed on Friday for the first time in 2017 against Indiana State and Ball State. The men took on Ball State, while the women’s side took on both teams.

The Panthers lost to Ball State on the men’s side, 188-93. On the women’s side, they lost 247-47 to the Cardinals and suffered a 170-88 loss to the Sycamores.

The men ended up racking up five first-place finishes. In the 200-medley relay, the team that consisted of senior Brogan O’Doherty, junior Jennings Soccorso-McCoy, junior Patrick Wood, and junior Brandon Robbins finished in the time of 1:36.27, beating out Ball State by just over a half a sec-

ond (.56).

In the 200-free relay, the team of O’Doherty, Soccorso-McCoy, junior Matt Jacobs, and junior Steve Fishman finished in the time of 1:27.05.

O’Doherty, Jacobs, and Robbins finished first in their respective events. For 100-back, O’Doherty came away in first with a time of 52.05. Jacobs won with a time of 57.47 in the 100-breast, while Robbins took first with a time of 2:10.71 in the 200-breast.

Soccorso-McCoy also took third in the 50-free with a time of 22.14. He also took second with a time of 48.14 in the 100-free.

Fishman returned to see the pool for the first time this season as he not only earned first place in the 200-free relay, but earned a second and third place finish in the 200-back and the 200-free with times of 1:57.65

and 1:47.50, respectively. Following him in the 200-back was O’Doherty, with a time of 1:59.63.

On the women’s side, sophomore Lauren Oostman finished with a pair of third place finishes in the 100-back and 200-back with times of 1:00.18 and 2:11.37 respectively.

In the 200-medley relay, the team of Oostman, junior Dani DiMatteo, sophomore Mat-tree Grainger, and freshman Rachel Manderscheid took home fourth place touching the wall in the time of 1:53.76.

Senior Fallyn Schwake took fourth in the 1000-free; in the time of 10:59.87. in the 500-free, she took fifth place touching the wall at 5:24.49.

Manderscheid and sophomore Caro Lamarque took fourth and fifth in the 100-breast with times of 1:14.21 and 1:15.10,

respectively.

In the 100-free, Grainger ended in sixth place with a time of 56.12. Freshman Gloria Gonzales took ninth in the same event, finishing in a time of 58.12.

DiMatteo took home a top-five finish in the 100-butterfly in the time of 1:01.06. Senior Paige Eavenson finished two spots behind her in 1:02.68. Freshman Julia Martin was not far behind in ninth place with a time of 1:03.88.

Next up for the Panthers is a rematch from earlier this season. The Panthers take on Valparaiso on Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. at Valparaiso. The Panthers won the last meeting for both teams.

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Track finishes first, second at John Craft Invite

By Alex Hartman
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After a successful meet at the University of Illinois, the men’s and women’s track and field teams returned home for their annual John Craft Invite.

Now midway through the season, the Panthers are really hitting their stride going forward in the season.

The men finished in first place with 204 points for the first time this season and the women finished in second place with 162 points. The team success also meant individual success, as seen in the eleven first- place finishes.

The runner-ups at the invite were, for the men, Illinois State with 176 points and Tennessee- Martin with 36 points. For the women, the first- place finisher was Illinois State with 204.5 points, and the third place team was Austin Peay with 92.5.

The track and field team is deeper into the season now and it is starting to be seen in the eyes of the coaches.

“We are starting to do what we preach in practice, and are building more confidence going forward in the season as we are preparing for the conference meet,” said coach Jessica Sommerfeld.

The team is seeing contributions from nearly every event, and there are many ath-

letes that are standouts for the team.

“The team is looking good with the recent performances this and last week, and some of the team’s standouts include Riley McInerney, Julie James, Anita Saffa, and the distance crew as a whole,” said coach Akers.

Some of them include senior distance runner Riley McInerney, who cruised to the top spot with a time of 4:12.38. Then fellow senior distance runner Paxson Menard won the 3000-meter run with a season best time of 8:33.84. Then women’s senior distance runner Julie James earned first in the mile run with a personal record and Ohio Valley Conference third ranked time of 5:01.38.

Some other performances by the Panthers

included sophomore thrower Adam Kessler, who had a pair of first place finishes in the shot put and weight throw. He threw the shot put 54’02.50” and the weight throw landed 55’10.25”.

The same went for senior women’s thrower Bryn Buckwalter, who had a pair of first place finishes in the shot put and weight throw. She threw for 49’05.00” in the shot put while throwing 55’10.25” in the weight throw.

Looking ahead to next week, Eastern will be heading to Bloomington, Ind. to compete in the Indiana Relays on Jan. 27th-28th.

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Eastern falls further in OVC after loss

By Sean Hastings
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Coach Jay Spoonhour did not say the team is panicking after falling to 1-6 in Ohio Valley Conference play following an 83-71 loss to Southeast Missouri, but did say they have some work to do.

With as young of a team the Panthers had, it was expected that it would take some time for everyone to get familiar with the system and playing with each other, but it did not seem like it would take this long. There's not much time for them to figure it out anymore.

Eastern made it to the OVC tournament last year at 9-7, but the mistakes the Panthers made at the beginning of the year are still popping up, Spoonhour said.

"We have dug ourselves quite a hole," Spoonhour said. "It's going to take some awful good play to get ourselves out. Mistakes that hurt us early in the year are still biting us at times."

And unfortunately for the Panthers, the road ahead will not be an easy one. Eastern will welcome in the OVC's top team, Belmont, Wednesday, which is 7-0 in OVC play.

And a win against a 3-3 Southeast Missouri could have provided a little bit of padding moving forward with the rest of conference play, but instead Eastern dropped its fourth in a row.

Eastern and Southeast Missouri were trading baskets to start the game, and even though it was still really early, Eastern led 11-9, but the Redhawks went on a 14-2 run and never let up the lead.

The Panthers were able to clean up a few things, such as driving to the basket, drawing fouls and scoring down low. But while they cleaned that up, Eastern turned the



JUSTIN BROWN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern coach Jay Spoonhour is unhappy with a call late in the Panthers' 83-72 loss to OVC conference opponent Murray State Thursday, Jan. 12 at Lantz Arena. Spoonhour's Panthers are 1-7 overall (1-6 OVC) over their last 8 games.

ball over 18 times leading to 24 points by SEMO.

The Panthers have averaged 12.8 turnovers per game this season and have turned it over 24 times in the last two games, including 16 times in a double overtime loss to Tennessee-Martin.

"We did a much better job of attacking the rim," Spoonhour said. "But we also turned it over far too often, and many of the turnovers led directly to points."

Eastern has nine more games left this season, and as far as going to the OVC tournament goes, the Panthers can at max lose two more games for a tournament bid.

In the last four seasons, nine-loss teams have made their way to Nashville for the OVC tournament and the Panthers are at 1-6 behind Austin Peay (3-4).

Three-pointers are not all what the game is about and senior Demetrius McReynolds is proving

that. Of his 32 points against Austin Peay, only nine came from the 3-ball. And again Saturday, he scored 19 points and he hit just one 3-pointer.

Even though Spoonhour has wanted the team to make plays down low to try and score and get to the line that way.

He has also mentioned that the Panthers' shooters need to hit the open shots when they have them.

Eastern was 5-22 from beyond

the arc.

There is no magic formula to have the shots start falling, but sooner or later Eastern will need to find a way to get shots to fall, and the sooner the better if they need to get out this "hole."

Eastern will host Belmont Wednesday.

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Panthers second straight win 71-62

By Mark Shanahan
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The Eastern women's basketball team defeated Southeast Missouri on Saturday, 71-62, for its second straight victory.

Eastern improves to 7-13 on the year with a 3-5 record against the Ohio Valley Conference.

The three conference victories are more than the Panthers had all of last season.

Junior Grace Lennox, sophomore Carmen Tellez and senior Erica Brown each finished with double digit scoring in the victory.

Lennox was the team's leading scorer with 18 points, and it is the ninth game in a row that she has reached double digit scoring. Lennox also had five assists and four steals in the game. Tellez scored a career-high 17 points and two assists. Brown recorded her second double-double in as many games with 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Southeast Missouri did not go away in this one as they chipped away at the Panther's lead throughout the game. Eastern led by seven going into the fourth quarter and pushed that lead to as high as 15. Tellez scored nine of her 17 points in the fourth quarter to help the Panthers pull off



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Sophomore guard Carmen Tellez looks to drive around a Tennessee-Martin defender Wednesday at Lantz Arena. Tellez scored 17 points Saturday against SEMO going 5-of-10 from the 3-point range to help lead the Panthers to a 71-62 win.

the road victory.

The Redhawks were able to pull within four points, and Bri Mitchell was a big part of the offense for them; she led all scorers with 20 points. The Redhawks fouled in

the last minute resulting in seven free throws for the Panthers, which sealed their victory.

Eastern shot 39 percent from the floor, while Southeast Missouri shot 36 percent. The Red-

hawks are one of the top three-point shooting teams in the conference, but could not get it going from beyond the arc on Saturday going 5-22. Both teams got major contributions from their bench,

Eastern scored 21 bench points and Southeast Missouri scored 26. Eastern out-rebounded Southeast Missouri 43-36.

The lead changed just two times in the game, and Southeast Missouri's largest lead was three in the first quarter. The game was tied up at 15 after the first period of play, and then Eastern jumped out to an eight-point lead in the second quarter before the Redhawks scored the final five points of the period, making it 30-27 Eastern at the half.

Freshman Zharia Lenoir started off the Panther's offense in the second half with five straight points. Lenoir finished with seven-points in the game. Eastern had a seven point lead going into the final quarter and outscored the Redhawks 23-21 in the final frame to secure the victory.

Eastern will have a full week of rest to prepare for Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, which comes to Lantz Arena this Saturday. A win would put the Panthers as the eighth seed in the conference tournament.

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